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TAFT FORCES CONTROL.
Some idea of the fight which the Roosevelt men have been preparing for is to be gained from the conduct in the opening day of the convention. There were the same kind of tactics which characterized the campaign with cries of "thief and plenty of bluff and bluster," but it was found that Taft possessed sufficient delegates to control the organization by the choice of Elihu Root as temporary chairman. This indication of strength with 558 votes to 503 shows the preference of the delegates, 18 others having scattered their votes or did not vote.
Shortly before the convention opened, a coalition effected by the Roosevelt managers with the LaFollette forces brought Governor McGovern of Wisconsin as the compromise candidate for temporary chairman by the combined progressives. This strengthened Roosevelt by 22, the remainder of the Wisconsin and North Dakota delegates scattering their votes.
The advantage of the organization was an important point gained by the Taft forces and Senator Root will be the permanent chairman. Many of the delegates who supported him cannot, because of instructions, vote for the president but while this applies to Illinois and Maryland, Hawaii and delegates in other states will return to the president in accordance with their instructions. Senator Root set well before the delegates the duties involved at the convention and laid stress upon union and adherence to constitutional government.
As a forerunner of what may be expected today, the opening of the convention gave promise of plenty of life and action and the nomination of President Taft for a second term.

AS MEASURE OF SAFETY.
For the purpose of adding another measure of safety to the regulations concerning the automobile a number of cities have adopted ordinances for the purpose of restraining the misusers of the auto horns. The desired object is less noise and more safety. New Jersey has long been the battleground for automobile legislation and only recently passed a law against the muffled, cut-out in towns and cities, much the same as in this state.
Newark has been greatly bothered by the careless and indiscriminate use of the automobile signals, a source of much annoyance from the standpoint of noise. The ordinance adopted there requires that every automobile shall be equipped with an adequate signal and defines such a signal as one producing an "interrupted note, sufficiently loud to be heard under all conditions of traffic," but restricts its use to times when it is "necessary as a warning of danger." The purpose in obviating the needless noise evil and restricting the signal for the purpose of safety, is one which has the sanction of all reasonable motorists as well as the general public. This keeps the horn within the use intended for it and instead of being used simply to make a racket and attract attention. If the public knows that the use of a horn indicates danger it will be better prepared to avoid accidents; whereas the senseless use of horns, horns and squawks may mean anything from hilarious joy rides to danger.
President Taft did right in vetoing the army appropriation bill. If General Wood is to be freed by any such underhanded method the responsibility should fall where it belongs.

There were fourteen million voters in America in 1908; but in 1912 there will be 17,000,000. If the increase is what the demagogue hopes, they can pass Epistles 11:12 to us.
What Roosevelt has been so loudly condemning as fraud in the national committee he regarded as a "bully good method" in 1908, when he made his friend president.
Now Roosevelt is claiming that Taft is trying to wreck the party, and expects the people to believe he is in his right mind when he makes such a statement.
If Roosevelt was a man of his word he has been saying things which ought to disturb the nation—but what he says he will do is what he doesn't do.

BEEF TRUST BREAK UP.
The announcement made by the National Packing company, the \$15,000,000 beef combination, that it will voluntarily dissolve by the first of August relieves the government of a task of causing it to disintegrate and the voluntary action of the trust indicates that it is desirous of overcoming the inevitable in a peaceful manner. When the government lost its criminal suit against the packers for violation of the Sherman law everything looked rosy for the meat men until the civil suit was threatened and that brought forth an indication that congress intended to push it.
The criminal suits brought out that there was a continuation of the packers for the control and regulation of their business and the intention now to wind up that trust is an admission of illegality or they would not hesitate to fight it. By gaining the advantage of a friendly dissolution the terms lie between themselves, which is likely to be more favorable than might be the dictates of the court. The suit will not be withdrawn by Attorney General Wickersham until he is satisfied that the combination has been broken up and that the law is not being violated. It will require some close following of the steps taken and a well detailed statement of the action to satisfy that the trust has ceased to be. This evidence the government should insist on before it drops its suit.

CREAM OF AMERICAN ATHLETES.
Speeding across the Atlantic to the Olympic contests and at the same time keeping up their training, is a shipload of athletes, the pride of America. They are bound for Stockholm, to compete in an international contest in athletics, probably the most elaborate exhibition ever arranged. Those who will compete represent the best of their respective countries and a magnificent contest should be the result. America sends the best she had in athletic ability, lusty young men, who were not selected by favoritism but because they excelled in open competition in running, jumping, vaulting, weight throwing, swimming, marksmanship, riding, and, in fact, practically all the outdoor games for individuals common to the country. The country has confidence in their ability, though far from home, to give a good account of themselves and bring home victory. All sections of the country are represented, and there is just pride in the American boys who make up the team. In bodily culture, which has been a part of their training, and a part of the educational system of the country, they represent the top notch of development in muscle and nerve.
The team from this side will be able to show that all is not devoted to money making endeavors, and that the instinct for victory, whether it be in business or athletics, is just as keen as among the nations on the other side of the water, and should this prove true with the present team of athletes there remains the consolation for them that the chips of the old block are not disgracing the stock from which they came.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.
Despite the excitement which is attracting the attention of the country, President Taft is giving his close attention to the business which confronts him and his judgment is not deflected in the least by the other interests. He did as he was expected to in applying his veto to the army appropriation bill. It is not because of the exorbitant expenditure for the army that he refused to sign the bill, for the expenditures have been cut down rather than increased, but he made it plain that one of the chief objections he has to it is the provision which legislates Major General Wood from office, and the disregard for recommendations of government officials.
The taking up of such matters of legislation and injecting them into appropriation bills is not the proper way to conduct the business. He calls attention to "the fact that a single provision of the bill can cause such serious consequences offers further evidence of the unwisdom of a method which deprives legislation of its usual safeguards of scrutiny and discussion." The intention was to carry through this rider with the important matter of the money for the army. It did not work and it ought not to any more than the disposal of the commerce court by the same method, and the president will doubtless veto the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill. Other presidents have found it necessary to do so before and congress will now have to get busy and thrash it out properly.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
Happy thought for today: The resourceful trickster knows no limit.
They are making history at Chicago, and perhaps they are making democrats.
The new telephone for mutes may be adapted for wider use. It talks all listeners.
Honeymoons must have a state flavor to Lillian Russell, she has had so many of them.
It dawns upon us now what dignified examples our ex-presidents have been hitherto.
Life isn't all a hopeless grind when a Boston hard-organ man retires with half a million.
The June days of 1912 are indeed rare, but not of the rarity the poet dreamed about.
The Fourth in Chicago can hardly be a circumstance to the fireworks there this week.
The colors of Yale and Harvard are in the balance at Chicago this week as well as on the Thames.
It looks as if John D. Rockefeller still entertains the idea that money paid for taxes is money wasted.
Let us hope that the political atmosphere will clear so that we can enjoy the ante Fourth just ahead of us.
A donation day for Jack Johnson has been arranged for July 4 at Las Vegas. He meets Flynn at that time.
President Taft doesn't know how to bluster, but the Colonel cannot refrain from it. They are wide apart in their methods.

The admirers of Thomas Jefferson never realize that he and Thomas Paine were in perfect accord in their infidelity.
When Andrew Carnegie is made secretary of war he will tell the fighting

THE BULLETIN'S SHORT STORY.

CAR AHEAD

George Verner entered a crowded surface car and found the last uncoupled seat. It chanced to be directly behind a very young woman and an infant.
Verner attempted to become interested in his paper, but the profile of the girl ahead of him stole his glances with every turn of her head. She was very young, very new to motherhood apparently; the man behind knew this because of the frantic, strained effort she made to keep the child in one position that it might not awake. A more experienced mother would have known that the baby would rest more comfortably in the easy relaxation of her arms. Verner remembered the fearful, breathless clutch with which he had first held his sister's baby, but gradually that feeling of holding a breakable toy had left him.
There was that same fear in the eyes of the young girl ahead of him, and Verner knew that she was living in momentary dread of the child falling to pieces in her arms.
He was beginning to sense the strain of her tense attitude when the car came to a stop.
"Car ahead!" yelled the conductor. The passengers, in various stages of peevishness, gathered themselves and their belongings and prepared to follow the conductor's bidding.
Not so with the woman and the baby. She cast one startled glance at the outgoing passengers, and then her eyes met Verner's. There was a positive tragedy in their depths. Then it was that Verner saw the big suit case on the floor beside her.
"How did she manage to get on the car if she couldn't get off with a suit case and a baby?" Verner asked himself while he gazed at the girl and addressed her.
"If you will permit me—I will carry—"
"—if you would be so kind," she gasped in a frightened little voice, and before Verner realized it she had put the baby in his arms and was about to pick up the suit case. "I am more used to this," she said, with a half blush.
"I can easily take both," Verner told her as he swung the tiny infant against one big shoulder and took the suit case from her.
"Her eyes are decidedly comical for a young mother," was his inward comment as he helped her into the car. He found it within his consciousness to condemn married life, even though they had shaded gray eyes and one elusive dimple.
When he had put her comfortably into another seat in the car ahead she made room for him beside her and sent up a smile into Verner's eyes.
Although he felt himself to be accepted on dangerous ground, to the offered seat. His destination was a few blocks beyond and he felt that his heart could not be hopelessly damaged in so short a time. He sighed as he wondered who the man might be who called this little beauty his own.
"You seem perfectly at home with babies," the girl remarked by way of breaking a more or less awkward silence.
"I have three of my own," Verner told her in a half jesting manner, and he wondered afterward why he wanted to convey that impression.
"Oh," was all the girl said, but her tone was noticeably colder, her attitude more aloof.
The girl's frigidity spurred on the man's imagination. He talked glibly of a beautiful wife and children whom he had never seen, of a home he had never known.
An inscrutable smile, not unlike that of the Mona Lisa, hovered over the young woman's eyes and lips. Verner wondered whether or not she was believing him.
nations to anchor their dreadnaughts and go to Holland.
A man in Illinois has married his mother-in-law. Perhaps he did this to show he was not an average man. He is not afraid of her.
Roosevelt did not follow the example of Lincoln when he started for Chicago. No other candidate ever had the brass to do it before.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN
Everything is but a thickening. A piece of glass, or of wood, or of iron is but some molecules that have come closer together. After a while the meeting breaks up, the members adjourn, and go home or depart to form other assemblies. The iron rusts, the wood burns, the glass shatters and dissolves. So apples rot, trees fall and become soil, soil becomes flowers, flowers pass to fruit, fruit joins the operation we call Man, which by and by returns to dust again.
For Man is but a temporary organization, composed of delegates from Oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, the state of Nitrogen, and the cities of Carbon, Phosphorus, and the like. These busy gentlemen arrive by the door of the Mouth and the Highway of the Throat, and meet in Stomach lobby and intestine corridors, there get their orders and go each to his place, sailing through arterial canals, some to operate as brain, some as muscle, others as bone or hair or skin or eyelids or finger-nail. They are elected only for a time; their term of office expires when their successors arrive, and off they go back again to Earth and Air and the grinning Sea.
These little molecules, or call them atoms, or inegers, are the real People. We are Assemblies, when we meet, that is birth; when we adjourn, that is death. We are Factories to which thoughts, feelings, and will-notions come trooping at birth-morning and go away when the six o'clock whistle blows at death-night.

OTHER VIEW POINTS
Perhaps 'twere better to have had a team and lost it than never to have had one at all, if we ever had a team.
—New Britain Herald.
Suppose, just suppose, that Robert Lincoln were the choice of the convention. The son of the martyr? We meet that is birth; when we adjourn, that is death. We are Factories to which thoughts, feelings, and will-notions come trooping at birth-morning and go away when the six o'clock whistle blows at death-night.

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